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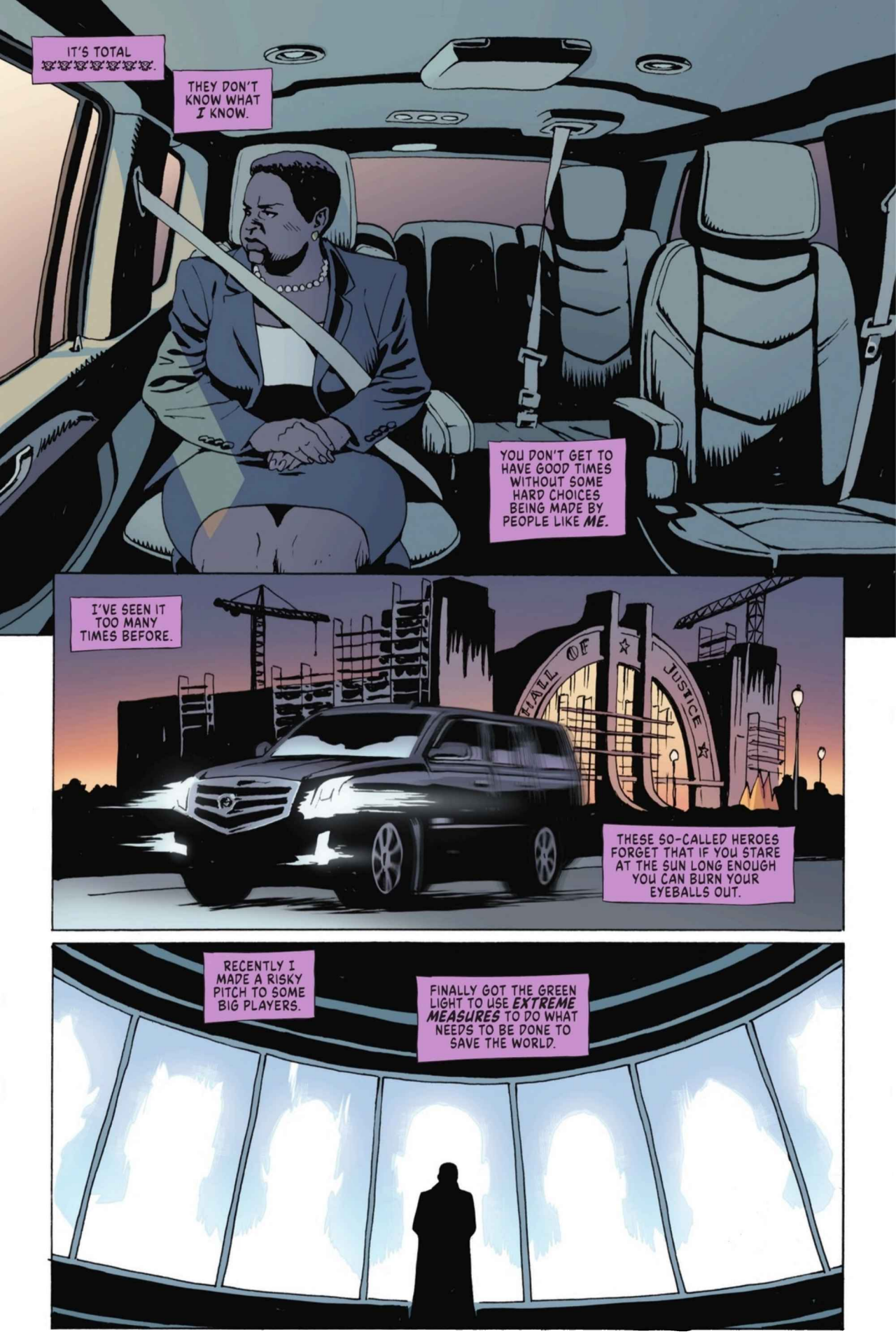
MAY

"IT'S ALWAYS DARKEST BEFORE THE DAWN."
AND NOW THAT THE CRISIS HAS PASSED...
...FAMILIES HAVE REUNITED...
...WHILE OTHERS GROW.
LEGACY AND A BRIGHT FUTURE ARE HERE TO STAY.
IT'S ALL SUNSHINE, HAPPINESS, AND *SMILES*...


IT'S TOTAL
THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT I KNOW.
YOU DON'T GET TO HAVE GOOD TIMES WITHOUT SOME HARD CHOICES BEING MADE BY PEOPLE LIKE ME.
I'VE SEEN IT TOO MANY TIMES BEFORE.
HALL OF JUSTICE
THESE SO-CALLED HEROES FORGET THAT IF YOU STARE AT THE SUN LONG ENOUGH YOU CAN BURN YOUR EYEBALLS OUT.
RECENTLY I MADE A RISKY PITCH TO SOME BIG PLAYERS.
FINALLY GOT THE GREEN LIGHT TO USE EXTREME MEASURES TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SAVE THE WORLD.

IT'S FORCED ME TO LOOK AT HOW I OPERATE AND TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX IN WAYS I HAVEN'T BEFORE.
STAY.
THE METAHUMANS WON A BATTLE, BUT THINK THEY WON THE WAR.
AND NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE.
BUT NO AMOUNT OF SMILING IS GOING TO SAVE US WHEN THE [redacted] HITS THE FAN.
UPDATE?
YO, BOSS-LADY!
=SIGH= LISTEN, I'M GOING INTO THE MEETING.
NO BACKUP AND UNARMED. I'LL BE A SITTING DUCK.
I NEED TO MAKE *SURE* YOU GET WHAT I NEED, UNDERSTOOD?

ROCK AND ROLL.
WE'RE COMING IN HOTTER THAN A TOILET RUN AFTER TACO TUESDAY!
LAZARUS ISLAND IS UNDER QUARANTINE, BUT WE'LL BE IN AND OUT BEFORE ANYONE KNOWS.
WHY'RE WE WORKING FOR WALLER AGAIN?
YOU GOT SOMETHING BETTER TO DO, PEACE-WRECKER?
I'M JUST DOING THIS FOR A PARDON FOR THAT JUNK IN GOTHAM!
DON'T SCREW ME OVER, PEACEMAKER.
IF YOUR MISSION IS SUCCESSFUL, I NEED YOU TO TELL ME ASAP. DON'T MESS AROUND.
REMEMBER, I DON'T MAKE IT... YOU DON'T MAKE IT.
NO OTHER COMMUNICATION UNTIL THEN.

THANK YOU FOR MEETING ME REGARDLESS OF PAST... EXPERIENCES.
I HAVE COMPLIED WITH YOUR REQUEST AND COME BY MYSELF.
YOU ARE SOME OF THE GREATEST KILLERS IN THE WORLD.
AFTER THE VOLCANO WENT BOOM, THE RADIATION ON THIS PLACE HAS GOTTA BE INTENSE, RIGHT?
WE MIGHT JUST NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE BABIES.
"BUT YOU'VE WASTED YOUR SKILLS.
THANK GOD.
TEAMING WITH DEATHSTROKE AND HIS SECRET SOCIETY WAS A MISTAKE.
YOU SHOULD HAVE COME TO ME.
BANG!
BANG
RATATATATATATA
@!@!@! I THOUGHT YOU SAID THERE WAS NO SECURITY?!
"OUR WORLD IS IN DANGER.
THE WORLD NEEDS YOU...
I... I NEED YOU.
YOU'VE SEEN HOW THESE HEROES OPERATE...

"...THEY'RE DANGEROUS.
"CARELESS.
"THEY THINK THAT HOPE WILL KEEP THEM SAFE.
"BUT THEY'RE JUST DRIVING US HEADFIRST INTO THE END TIMES.
THE REPORTS SAID IT WAS INSIDE THE TEMPLE, RIGHT?!
THEN I'M GETTING THOSE BROWNIE POINTS! WALLER'S GONNA OWE ME BIG!
STOP, YOU DUMMY. IT HAS--
AAHHHHHH!
BOOM!
"THE GREATEST THREAT TO THE WORLD ARE HEROES WHO THINK THEY ARE ABOVE US. THAT THEY CAN CONTROL OUR FATE."

THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO AGREE WITH ME, AND IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO DO THE--
NOT A CHANCE, WALLER!
WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH YOU...
"...THEY DIE!"
RATATATATATATA
AH, ☆♥©§--
SO WE GOT QUESTIONS.
WHO ARE YOU REALLY WORKING FOR? WHO IS PULLING YOUR STRINGS?

"AND HOW LARGE A RANSOM WOULD THESE MYSTERIOUS BENEFACTORS BE WILLING TO PAY FOR THE GREAT AMANDA WALLER?
BOOM
RATATATATATATA

"THE WALL."
BUT THAT WALL BROKE A LONG TIME AGO, DIDN'T IT?

YOU'RE WASHED UP.
...WALLER...
...YOU WERE... RIGHT...

WE GOT THE PIECE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WEIRDO SOURCE TOLD YOU IT WAS HERE...
...BUT THE HELMET OF HATE IS YOURS.
AND NOW I DON'T CARE IF IT'S ASS, CASH, OR GRASS...
...GET US A RIDE THE HELL OUTTA HERE.

HEY, WALLER, CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?
WHAT'S THE DEAL, THEN?
ANSWER ME OR--
I DON'T ANSWER TO YOU.
EITHER YOU WILL AGREE TO MY TERMS, OR IT'S GOODBYE.
THAT SO?!
YOU EVER THINK THAT WHAT THE WORLD REALLY NEEDS TO BE SAVED IS FEWER PEOPLE LIKE YOU?!
HE'S RIGHT.
BLAM!
ANY OTHER OBJECTIONS?
NO?
THE WALL BROKE.
BUT I'M BUILDING IT BACK BRICK BY BLOODY BRICK.
GOOD.
THEN HERE IS THE PRIZE.
TOTAL PARDONS AND CLEAN RECORDS TO ANYONE...

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BUT LET THEM HAVE THEIR DAY IN THE SUN...
...WHILE I STAY IN THE SHADOWS AND AIM FOR THEIR HEADS.
TO BE CONTINUED IN DAWN OF DC IN 2023!

SUPERMAN

REAL NAME:
Clark Kent (Kal-El)
OCCUPATION:
Journalist
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Metropolis
GROUP AFFLIATIONS:
Justice League (disbanded)
FIRST APPEARANCE:
Action Comics #1 (1939)

Superman has come home!

Superman has returned to Metropolis, and his greatest enemy, Lex Luthor, is finally behind bars. The future of the Superman Family has never been brighter! As Clark Kent settles back into his life, iconic and new enemies erupt from the shadows to strike down the Man of Steel! But waiting in the wings to back up Big Blue is...Supercorp?!

What secret project has Lex given to Superman?! "A hero is only as good as their villains" will be put to the test in this ongoing series by writer Joshua Williamson and award-winning artist Jamal Campbell!

***Superman* #1-3 are on sale now!**

GREEN LANTERN

REAL NAME:
Hal Jordan
OCCUPATION:
Unemployed
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Coast City
GROUP AFFLIATIONS:
Justice League (disbanded), Green Lantern Corps
FIRST APPEARANCE:
Showcase #22 (1959)

Hal Jordan is back. Can the Earth even handle all of this awesome?

Spinning out of the events of Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths, the Guardians of Oa at the heart of the Green Lantern Corps have quarantined Sector 2814, home of the planet Earth—and its champion along with it! A heartbreaking defeat has sent Hal reeling, returning home to rediscover his roots...and find the man responsible for ruining his life: Sinestro.

From the visionary team of Jeremy Adams and Xermánico comes a tale of redemption, loss, and finding out that maybe...just maybe...you can go home again. At least if you're willing to hot-wire a power ring to do it.

Follow Hal's adventures in *Green Lantern* #1, in stores now!

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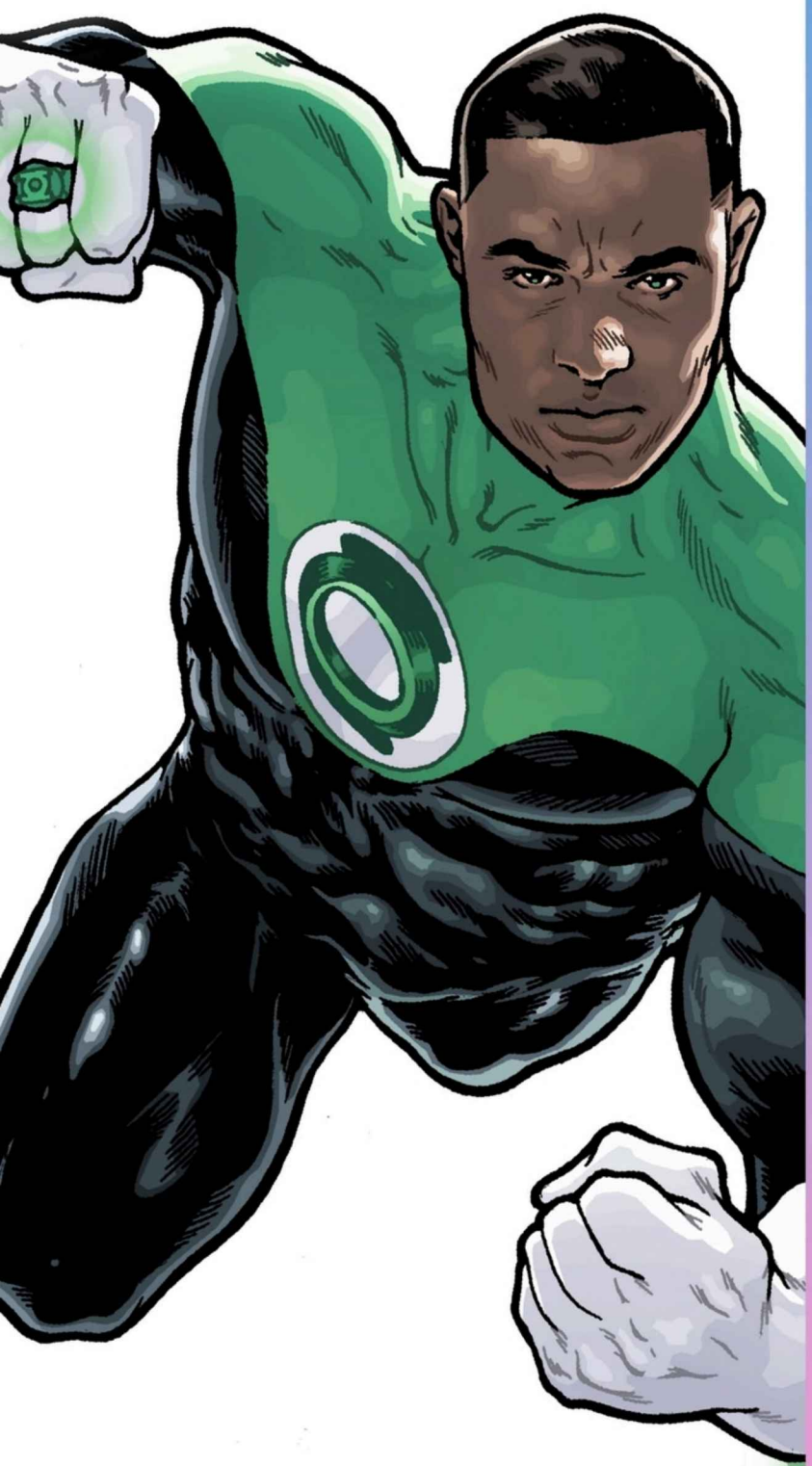
ART BY XERMÁNICO

GREEN LANTERN



REAL NAME:
John Stewart
OCCUPATION:
Architect
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Off The Grid
GROUP AFFLIATIONS:
Justice League (disbanded), Green Lantern Corps
FIRST APPEARANCE:
Green Lantern (Vol. 2) #87 (1972)

In the wake of the Corps-wide quarantine of Earth, John Stewart has returned home to be with family in their time of need. But just when John thought he was out, strange forces from outside of our universe are ready to pull him back in—and our hero must prepare to face the impossibly destructive force known only as the Revenant Queen.

Be sure to check out *Green Lantern: War Journal* in September!

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ART BY JEFF SPOKES

SHAZAM

REAL NAME:
Billy Batson
OCCUPATION:
Student
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
The Rock of Eternity
GROUP AFFLIATIONS:
Justice League (disbanded)
FIRST APPEARANCE:
Whiz Comics #1 (1939)

Dinosaurs from space! The Clubhouse of Eternity! Homicidal worms and talking tigers! Atomic robots, alien worlds, mad scientists, sinister curses, and villains from throughout the DC Universe—welcome to the wild adventures of Billy Batson, whose big red alter ego defends the Earth from its weirdest and wildest threats!

Want to stop Lex Luthor and the Joker? Call Superman and Batman! International crises? Page Wonder Woman! But when Garguax, Emperor of the Moon, sets his sights on Gorilla City, that's when you shout, "Shazam!" The fan-favorite team of Mark Waid and Dan Mora brings the magic!

Be sure to check out *Shazam!* #1, on sale June 6!

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ART BY DAN MORA

GREEN ARROW

REAL NAME:
Oliver Queen
OCCUPATION:
Philanthropist, Adventurer
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Star City
GROUP AFFLIATIONS:
Justice League (disbanded)
FIRST APPEARANCE:
More Fun Comics #73 (1941)

The Emerald Archer is lost, and it will take Oliver Queen's whole family to find him! But dangerous forces are determined to keep them apart at any cost!

Spinning out of Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths, Green Arrow by writer Joshua Williamson and artist Sean Izaakse is an action-packed adventure across the DCU that sets the stage for major stories in 2023 and beyond!

Follow the Green Arrow family's adventures in *Green Arrow* #1, in stores now!

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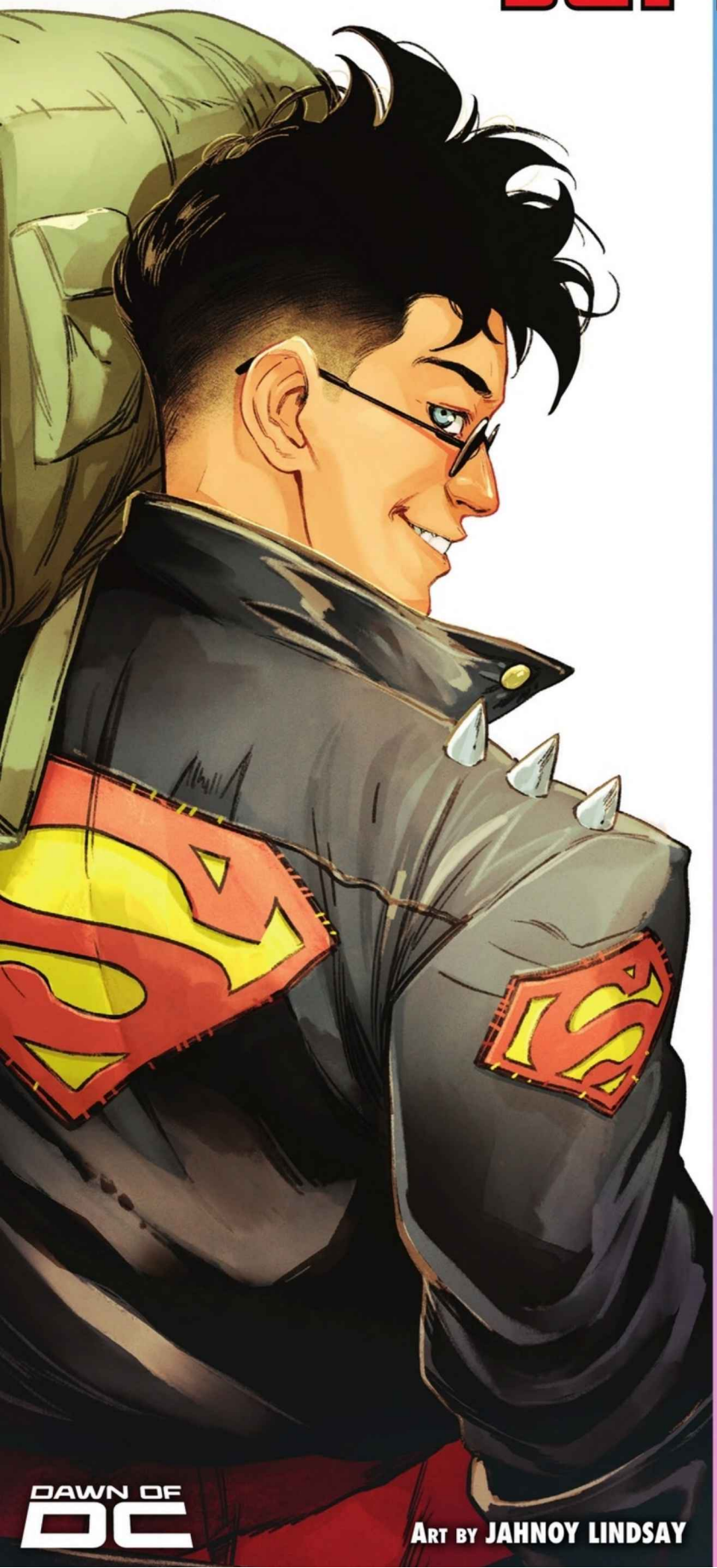
ART BY SEAN IZAAKSE & ROMULO FAJARDO JR.

SUPERBOY



REAL NAME:
Conner Kent (Kon-El)
OCCUPATION:
Hero
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Metropolis
GROUP AFFLIATIONS:
Young Justice
FIRST APPEARANCE:
The Adventures of Superman #500 (1993)

After the events of Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths, Conner Kent feels out of place with the rest of the hero community. He doesn't fit in with the rest of the Superman Family, and the rest of the world doesn't really need him with so many Supers in Metropolis. He doesn't want to rely on Tim, Cassie, and Bart, so Conner looks to the stars as a place he might be able to call his own and carve out his own path.

But what lurks in the great unknown? Are bravado and swagger enough to help Superboy find his new calling?

***Superboy: The Man of Tomorrow* #1 and #2 are on sale now!**

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ART BY JAHNOY LINDSAY

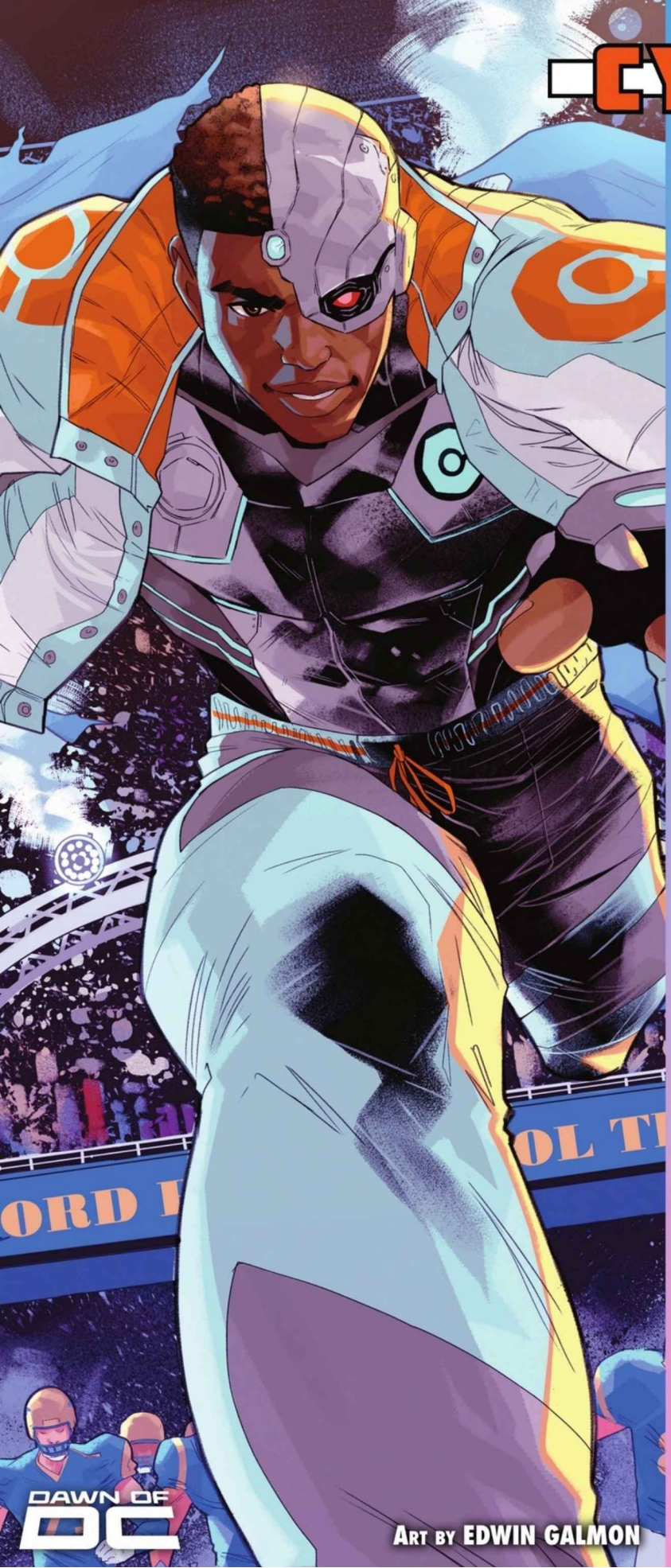
REAL NAME:
Jon Kent
OCCUPATION:
Hero
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Metropolis
GROUP AFFLIATIONS:
None
FIRST APPEARANCE:
Convergence: Superman #2 (2015)

Another Superman has fallen.

Across the Multiverse, Kal-Els are being murdered. Val-Zod, the Superman of Earth-2, believes only one man can help stop the killing–Kal-El's son, Jon Kent!

Jon will have to step across dimensions and face the killer of the Kal-Els: the monstrous Ultraman, the man who kidnapped and tortured him for years. And Val-Zod is not acting alone in trying to save the Supermen. Who is the mysterious woman alongside him? And what is her shocking connection to the Super-Family?

Find out the answers to all these questions and more as *Adventures of Superman: Jon Kent* #1-3 are available now!



Art by EDWIN GALMON

CYBORG

REAL NAME:
Victor Stone
OCCUPATION:
Hero
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Detroit, MI
GROUP AFFLIATIONS:
Titans, Justice League (disbanded)
FIRST APPEARANCE:
DC Comics Presents #26 (1980)

When a family emergency brings Cyborg back home to Detroit, Victor Stone surprisingly finds himself enjoying his return to the simpler life—where everybody sees him for who he really is and always was, rather than as a larger-than-life superhero. It's been a while since Vic's been able to lower his guard and seek a purpose outside of being Cyborg 24/7.

But a lot has changed in Detroit while Victor's been away. An aggressive new company is turning the Motor City into an overclocked engine for revolutionary artificial intelligence...and no one knows better than Cyborg that technological transformation always comes at a steep human price!

Milestone Initiative writer Morgan Hampton joins forces with veteran star artist Tom Raney to give Cyborg the Dawn of DC epic he deserves!

Be sure to check out *Cyborg* #1, on sale May 16!

UNSTOPPABLE DOOM PATROL

CODE NAMES:
Robotman, Cheif, Elasti-Woman, Beast Girl, Negative Man, Degenerate
OCCUPATION:
Heroes
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Somewhere in Kansas
FIRST APPEARANCE:
Unstoppable Doom Patrol #1 (2023)

The World's Strangest Heroes are back in the DC Universe!

After the events of Lazarus Planet, more people than ever have active metagenes! Most of these new metahumans have become misfits, shunned and imprisoned by a fearful society. They are hidden away in the dark, lost to a system that only sees them as weapons or guinea pigs–ticking time bombs that can only be defused by the Unstoppable Doom Patrol!

Robotman, Elasti-Woman, and Negative Man are joined by their brand-new teammates Beast Girl and Degenerate and led by Crazy Jane's mysterious new alter, the Chief, on a mission of saving the world by saving the monsters!

***Unstoppable Doom Patrol* #1-2 are available now!**

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ART BY CHRIS BURNHAM & NICK FILARDI

Art by Nicola Scott & Annette Kwok

TITANS

CODE NAMES:
Nightwing, Raven, Starfire, Cyborg, The Flash, Beast Boy, Donna Troy
OCCUPATION:
Heroes
BASE OF OPERATIONS:
Blüdhaven
FIRST APPEARANCE:
The Brave and the Bold #54 (1964)

The Dark Crisis is over, and the Justice League is no more. Now a new team must rise and protect the Earth... Titans together!

The Teen Titans are ready to grow up. Each member joined as a much younger hero, certain that one day they'd be invited to join the Justice League. But the time has come for them not to join the League...but to replace it! Are the no-longer-teen heroes ready for the big leagues? Danger lurks around every corner as heroes and villains alike challenge the new team before they've even begun. Will the DCU ever be the same?

Find out in this ongoing series brought you by the all-star creative team of Tom Taylor and Nicola Scott!

***Titans* #1 goes on sale May 16!**

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With the Justice League still disbanded following the events of *Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths*, there's a new premier super-team in the DC Universe: the Titans! The classic lineup of Nightwing, Starfire, Cyborg, Raven, Beast Boy, Donna Troy, and the Flash headline the new Titans series from the superstar duo of *Nightwing* writer Tom Taylor and former *Wonder Woman* artist Nicola Scott, debuting as part of DC's yearlong Dawn of DC storytelling initiative.

Naturally, as soon as *Titans* was announced, fans were eager to see what Taylor had planned and how these fan-favorite characters would look illustrated by Scott—and we've got you covered. Check out this exclusive look inside May's *Titans* #1 and peek at Scott's character designs for the series!

DON'T MISS *TITANS* #1, ON SALE IN MAY!

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